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(c) Rs. 2,27,504 up to 16th July 1928 which is made up of the collections made against demands issued (Rs. 1,53,004), collections for which no general demands have been issued (Rs. 53,000) and excess collections to be adjusted against demands, under issue for fasli 1337 (Rs. 21,500).

Excise

Policy of Government regarding prohibition.

* 338 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether any and if so what decision has been arrived at on the point as to whether the subject of total prohibition is a central or a reserved or a transferred subject ; and

(b) what policy and programme have been laid down by Government in regard to total prohibition ?

A.—(a) & (b) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to clauses (a) & (c) of question No. 76 given on 4th September 1928.

Medical

Facilities for practical training to students passing M.B. & B.S. Examination.

* 339 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) the average number of medical students who pass the M.B. & B.S. Examination every year ;

(b) how many medical graduates are trained as House Surgeons and House Physicians on an average every year and in which hospitals is such training given ; and

(c) whether the present arrangement gives every young man who passes out from the medical colleges a chance for learning practical work before he settles down to practise his profession ?

A.—(a) Forty.

(b) Thirty-five medical graduates are trained as House Surgeons and House Physicians on an average every year and the training is given in the Government hospitals in Madras and in some of the important District Headquarter hospitals in the mufassal.

(c) To almost every one though it cannot be guaranteed to every one.

Agriculture

Agricultural demonstrators in Ganjam and Vizagapatam districts.

* 340 Q.—Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro :—Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) what means are adopted in the districts of Ganjam and Vizagapatam to place the cultivator in actual touch with the experiments of the agricultural stations at Samalkot and Anakapalle ; and

(b) how many demonstrators are there for each of the districts of Ganjam and Vizagapatam and the total area or number of villages they are obliged to be in charge of and to travel through within a year ?

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A.—(*a*) The hon. Member's attention is drawn to the answer given to his question No. 156. In addition, there is a special demonstration area on the Samalkot Experiment Station to show how any area of some seven acres or more can be formed in a practical way at a profit. Numerous exhibitions and conferences of ryots have been held at both the Samalkot and Anakapalle stations at which ryots are shown round and the work being done is explained to them. In this connexion, the hon Member's attention is drawn to the monthly digests[a] for—

February 1926—page 4.		January 1925—page 5.	
April 1927— ,, 6.		December 1925— ,, 2.	
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		March 1928— ,, 4.	

(*b*) There are at present four agricultural demonstrators in the Ganjam district and six in the Vizagapatam district. They are stationed in the places noted below and each officer is in charge of the surrounding villages:—

Ganjam district—	Vizagapatam district—
(1) Aska.	(1) Anakapalle.
(2) Berhampur.	(2) Vaddadi.
(3) Parlakimedi.	(3) Narsipatnam.
(4) Chicacole.	(4) Bobbili.
	(5) Vizianagram.
	(6) Yellamanchili.

Industries

Assistance to private enterprise regarding pumping projects.

*341 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state, in view of the promised assistance to private enterprise regarding pumping projects (vide page 78, Madras Legislative Council Proceedings, Volume XLI)—

(*a*) what arrangements the Government have made to let the public know of their intentions;

(*b*) whether any applications have been received since for such help; and

(*c*) how such applications have been disposed of?

A.—(*a*) On a consideration of the report of the Board of Revenue to which attention is drawn by the hon. Member, the Government have asked the Director of Industries to submit detailed proposals for initiating a survey of the surface and sub-soil water-supply in the Ceded districts with details of cost and of additional staff required with information as to the programme of work to be undertaken. This survey is an essential preliminary to the initiation of schemes for irrigation by pumping.

[a] Printed as Appendix XI on pages 587—591 infra.